

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A tie-down device, comprising
a first member having a bottom panel;
a first extended region emanating from said bottom panel;
an affixing means for attaching said bottom panel to a member received on said bottom panel; and
an anchoring means for affixing said first extended region to a structure in a steadfast manner; and
a second extended region emanates from said bottom panel in a direction opposing said first extended region, and a second anchoring means affixing said second extended region to a structure in a steadfast manner.

2. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The device of Claim 1, wherein a second extended region emanates from said bottom panel in a direction opposing said first extended region, and a second anchoring means affixing said second extended region to a structure in a steadfast manner.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein a first panel emanates from said bottom panel in a substantially perpendicular fashion therefrom; said first panel receiving

said affixing means therethrough, thereby affixing said first panel to said member in a secure manner.

4. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 2 1, wherein a first panel emanates from said bottom panel in a substantially perpendicular fashion therefrom, and a second panel emanates from said bottom panel in opposing relation to said first panel such that a guide is created therebetween for receiving said member, and at least one of said affixing means attaches said first panel to a first face of said member and at least one of said affixing means attaches said second panel to a second face of said member.

5. The device of Claim 4, wherein said member is a wood beam.

6. The device of Claim 4, wherein said member is selected from a group consisting of a truss and a gable end truss.

7. The device of Claim 4, wherein said affixing means is selected from a group consisting of a nail, a threaded element, a nut and bolt apparatus.

8. The device of Claim 4, wherein said first member is constructed of metal.

9. The device of Claim 4, wherein in combination, said structure is a preform wall containing a curable material, said anchoring means passing through an aperture in each of said first and second extended regions and being received and bound within said curable material.

10. (Currently Cancelled) ~~A tie-down system, comprising:~~
~~a second member constructed from a unitary piece of material having a bottom plate;~~
~~an extended section emanating from said bottom plate in a substantially similar plane;~~
~~an affixing means for attaching said second member to a member resting on said bottom~~
~~plate; and~~
~~an anchoring means for affixing said first extended section to a structure in a steadfast~~
~~manner.~~

11. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of Claim 10, wherein a first sheet extends in a~~
~~vertical direction from a first border of said extended section, and a third sheet extends from said~~
~~first sheet in a perpendicular fashion, said affixing means attaching said third sheet to said~~
~~member in a secure manner.~~

12. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of Claim 10, further comprising:~~
~~a first sheet extends in a vertical direction from a first border of said extended section and~~
~~a second sheet extends in a vertical direction from a second border of said extended section;~~
~~a third sheet extending from said first sheet in a perpendicular fashion, said affixing~~
~~means attaching said third sheet to said member in a secure manner;~~
~~a fourth sheet extending from said second sheet in a perpendicular fashion, said affixing~~
~~means attaching said fourth sheet to said member in a secure manner.~~

13. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of Claim 11, wherein at least a hole is defined by~~

~~said extended section and receives an elongated portion of said anchoring means therethrough and anchors said second member to said structure in a steadfast manner.~~

14. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of Claim 12, wherein at least a first plate emanates from said bottom plate in a vertical direction and is distal to said extended section such that a first channel is defined by said first plate, said bottom plate, said third sheet and said fourth sheet, and said member being received within said channel.~~

15. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of claim 14, wherein said first plate is connected to said first member by at least one of said affixing means.~~

16. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of claim 14, wherein said structure is a preform wall containing a curable material, said anchoring means passing through said hole is received and bound within said curable material.~~

17. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of claim 14, wherein said second member is constructed of a metal.~~

18. (Currently Cancelled) ~~The system of claim 14, wherein said member is selected from a group consisting of a truss and a gable end truss.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A method for attaching trusses to a preform wall structure having an outer wall and an inner wall wherein a curable material is poured therebetween, the

method comprising:

providing a first member of unitary construction having a bottom panel;

providing a first extended region from said bottom panel;

providing a second extended region extending from said bottom panel in an opposite

direction to said first extended region;

providing a first panel attached to said bottom panel;

placing said truss upon said bottom panel;

attaching said first panel to said truss with an affixing means;

anchoring said first extended region to said curable material with an anchoring means.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

defining an aperture within said extended region;

inserting an elongated portion of said anchoring means through said aperture and into said curable material;

engaging a head portion of said anchoring means upon said extended region.